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Foreign 'Ally' Confirms CIA JFK Link--DA

District Attorney Jim Garrison has announced that his office has exchanged information with the intelligence agency of a foreign country which "successfully penetrated the assassination operation" against President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison, whose office has been conducting a probe of the Kennedy death since late 1967, said that "the great amount of detailed information" received from the foreign country verifies his statements that Kennedy was killed "by elements of the Central Intelligence Agency."

GARRISON'S DISCLOSURE came hard on the heels of a 25,000-word article highly critical of methods used by the DA in his probe, published this week in the New Yorker magazine.

The DA said last night he was making the announcement because of indications of another "CIA-inspired" campaign in magazines to discredit his investigation.

The DA refused to identify the country involved, but said it is in Europe and is "militarily on friendly terms with the United States."

HE SAID A representative of his office spent a month in the foreign country with the top men of its intelligence agency and that he returned here about a month ago.

His office was contacted three or four months ago, by an intermediary from another country also friendly to the U. S., Garrison said, and arrangements were made for the information exchange.

Specifically, Garrison said the foreign power had established contact with one of the assasins and learned the locations of the shooting points in Dealey Plaza (listed by the DA as the Dal-Tex Bldg., the Texas Book Depository Bldg. and the grassy knoll area), the names of Dallas policemen who participated and information about a trip David W. Ferrie made to Dallas for an alleged pre-assassination meeting.

THE DA SAID there was also information about other meetings in Dallas and elsewhere.

Garrison asserted the foreign country penetrated some of the "pre-existing forces used in the assasination" while its men were on another intelligence mission in this country.

He said the assassination was acomplished by an element of the CIA and "a handful of extremely powerful individuals in the industrial complex of the Southwest" who had pre-existing relationships with the CIA.

GARRISON ALSO disclosed the identity of a man who has been working in his office for the last year under the pseudonym of Bill Boxley, as William C. Wood, a former newspaper reporter and native of Texas. Wood, he said, is an ex-CIA agent.

Wood, he said, was not working as an inside source of CIA information, but as an individual thinking along intelligence lines.

In the New Yorker article, author Edward Jay Epstein, one of the early critics of the Warren Commission, described evidence collected by Garrison as "fraudulent—some devised by Garrison himself and some cynically culled from criminals or the emotionally unstable."